

# 2 Slain, 2 Shot, In Battle of Jersey Gunmen

Arturo Papalardo, Gang Chief of Newark's Little Italy, and Patsy Benenanto, Former Aid, Killed

One of Wounded May Die

Owner of Cafe Where Fight Took Place and Two Others Held as Witnesses

Arturo Papalardo, gang chieftain of Newark's Little Italy, will not serve the eighteen-month sentence for carrying a pistol recently imposed on him there, despite the refusal of two of his henchmen, Patsy and Umberto Benenanto, to aid him raise money for his legal defense.

The gang leader and five of his men were sitting in the Florence Garden, a restaurant at 270 Washington Street, Newark, early yesterday morning, when two of Benenanto's and two of his friends entered the room and the fight followed. Papalardo and Patsy Benenanto were killed and Philip Ross and Umberto Benenanto were wounded. Ross, the body, and probably will die. Benenanto is locked up, suffering from a scalp wound. The police are holding Giuseppe Coppola, proprietor of the restaurant, his son, Frank, and the chef, Mario Manichino, as material witnesses.

Quarrel With Gang Leader

The fight yesterday morning was the outcome of much dark intrigue in Newark's Italian colony, of which the police have learned only the merest outline. Formerly the Benenantos were loyal members of Papalardo's gang of gunmen. They quarreled with their leader, and shortly thereafter he was arrested for carrying concealed weapons, tried, convicted, and took an appeal.

Immediately it was announced that Benenanto was to give a dinner to raise funds for his defense. The Benenanto brothers received four \$5 tickets. They sent back the tickets and said they would be unable to attend. It is believed that they had framed up their former leader and knew that he was planning to make the banquet their last meal.

Florence Garden was deserted yesterday when the door opened and the Benenantos and their companions strode in. They turned to leave immediately on seeing who was there, but a chair was thrown at them, and Umberto Benenanto and knocked him down.

Pistol Battle Follows

The crash of his fall and the bark of a gun sounded together. Then there was the quick rattle of indiscriminate firing, tables were overturned, windows panned broken, and shouts in Italian brought the police on the run.

When they entered Papalardo lay dead on the floor and near him Rosa was stretched, coughing and bleeding. A haze of powder smoke hung about the lights, and from beneath counters and tables the Connors and Manichino were peering terrified. The trio insisted they had seen nothing and heard less.

In a corner Umberto Benenanto was found dazed from his fall. The police were still searching the room when a door from a side hall swung open and Patsy Benenanto pitched forward on his face unconscious. He had been seized by several pistols and died on his way to the hospital.

# Retail Food Price Jump 16 Per Cent in One Year

Increase in January Over December With Drop in February

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The retail price of food increased 16 per cent during February over the prices paid one year ago, according to figures on the cost of living issued today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

A decrease of six-tenths of 1 per cent from the prices of January was reported. In New York the cost of food decreased 1 per cent in February. The statement of the bureau on the cost of foodstuffs says in part:

"According to reports received by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor from retail dealers in fifty-one cities, the average family expenditure for food was six-tenths of 1 per cent less in February than in January. The increase in January as compared with December was 2.2 per cent, hence the decrease of six-tenths of 1 per cent in February still leaves the cost 1.6 per cent above the December level. The highest point reached since 1913.

# Cash Register Plays Chorus For Bandit's Tuneful Verses

Golden Shower Rewards Lyricist Who Entertains Baker With Musical Measures While He Loots Till; Victim Spreads Rhyming Infection to Police

The late Mr. Tennyson may have been an authority on spring's inflammatory influence upon doves and young men, but Peter Kurtz, a baker, 438 West Forty-eighth Street, possesses precious knowledge of the vernal season's effect upon even so calloused a nature as a hold-up man's. He obtained it early yesterday at the cost of \$5 and whatever admiration for poetry may have smoldered in his bosom.

Even a robber is not immune to the infection of spring poems, Mr. Kurtz yesterday announced to the world, though his lyre may have been exchanged for an automatic and the burden of his metrical song be pitched on a somewhat material plane.

Robbed to Musical Measure

It was about the hour when the morning's rolls are drawn hot from the oven that the door of the bakery slammed and Kurtz, looking up, peered first into the face of a young man and then for a long, long moment into the muzzle of a revolver. Chills had him to run up and down his spine and up again before the visitor cleared his throat and chanted lightly:

Say, but just look me in the face, I've dropped in just to rob a place. So come across with all you've got, I never fail to hit the spot.

There was something about the last line that Kurtz did not like, but he forebore to criticize and continued to stand in the attitude of a man about to chin himself while the poet recited the cash register clean and then backed away toward the door, saying as he went:

After further and more prosaic conversation Detectives Richard and Edward Dillon and Brady and Patrolman Eberle were equipped with rhyming dictionaries and sent out on the trail of the robber with instructions to get him even if they had to use anapest, heptameter to do it.

While they were discussing the merits of prosaic verse forms on the corner of Forty-seventh Street and Ninth Avenue in the afternoon one of them saw a man who corresponded to Kurtz's impassioned description of the robber.

Somewhat in the fashion of the Greek chorus the quartet of poet hunters approached him, each chanting:

I know you robbed the bakery shop. I am most determined to get you. You are the man. I know it true. Confess is my advice to you.

The prisoner insisted that he was the poet of prosaic individuals, but the sleuths searched his pockets and they found a .38 caliber revolver. At the Forty-seventh Street station he was locked up, charged with suspicion of robbery. Kurtz identified him as the robber, but in spite of pleas of poetry-loving police no one had been able to induce the prisoner to burst into verse at a late hour last night.

Man Murders Wife, Kills Himself, as Daughter Looks On

Central Railroad Policeman Shoots Bride of 6 Months in Jealous Rage in Lunch Wagon Owned by Woman

# \$29,500 Stolen In 7 Jobs That Police Suppress

Robbery of Oscar Lowenstein Home Yields More Than \$15,000 in Jewels, Another Gives Up \$5,000

\$1,500 in Liquor Taken

Thirty-six Bottles Removed From Cellars of Banker; Safe Blowers Get \$4,000

Thieves invading the upper West Side within the last week stole money, jewels, liquor and other property, getting in all more than \$29,500. The robberies were taken in seven different "jobs" brought to light yesterday, despite the efforts of the police to keep them from the public.

The biggest of the robberies was committed at the residence of Oscar Lowenstein, a lawyer, at 318 West Seventy-first Street, where burglars entered early last Monday and got jewelry valued at more than \$15,000.

From the home of Isadore M. Levy, a lawyer, at 740 West End Avenue, thieves took furs and jewelry valued at \$5,000. Three days ago a diamond brooch and other jewelry valued at about \$3,000 was taken from the apartments of Mrs. Ward B. Reynolds, at 240 West 102d Street.

Thirty-six bottles of extra fine liquor, said to be worth \$1,000, were removed from the cellars of Myron I. Bock, a banker, at 334 West Seventy-seventh Street.

Major Duncan G. Harris reported yesterday that robbers jimmied the front door of his house, at 104 East Fifty-sixth Street, Thursday night and stole \$1,000 worth of furs and about \$500 worth of liquors. On the same night safes in the offices of the Manhattan Hardware and Tool Company, 497 Third Avenue, and the Upper New York Wet Wash Laundry Company, 2375 Washington Avenue, were blown and \$3,000 in cash taken from the former and about \$1,000 from the latter.

With Knife in Back, He Walks Four Blocks

Policeman Helps Victim of Stabbing After Pedestrians Laugh at Request for Aid

"There's a knife stuck in my back where I can't reach it; will you please pull it out?" asked a man who stepped up to Detective Brosnan last night as he stood on the steps of the Adams Street police station.

The detective pulled out the knife. The man, who said he was Charles Dirkin, of 72 Middle Street, Brooklyn, asked the detective to stop, as he had a knife stuck in his back four blocks away, at Pearl Street and Myrtle Avenue, he said, and every one he asked to pull it out just laughed at him.

Brosnan had Dirkin sent to Brooklyn Hospital and arrested Francis Stokes, of 346 Jay Street, on suspicion that he was Dirkin's assailant. Stokes denied having lost a knife, but will be arraigned to-day in Adams Street police court.

Dancer Shoots Policeman

Benjamin Hager, a special patrolman, had his duty so firmly in mind that when he saw couples shimmying in a hall at Garrison Avenue and Grand Street last night, he stepped in.

Girl Proud of Jail Delivery

PITTSBURGH, March 21.—Seemingly elated that she had duped the Jefferson County jail guards, Mrs. William McDonald, seventy-one years old, of Yorkville, Ohio, told the police here today how she had supplied her husband with two saws with which he sawed his way through the prison walls.

Weather Report

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The following official record shows temperatures during the last twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

Warbling of Opera Sends Governors to Bellevue

Parents' Demand for Child's Whereabouts Met With "Unbel di Vedremo"

# JOHN WANAMAKER

Broadway at Ninth, New York Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co. Store opens at 9; Closes at 9.

Good morning! This is March 22! The weather today will probably be fair.

# A man tells me how he fooled himself

He said: "I was flat on my back in bed in a room overlooking the ocean, looking out of a clear glass window twenty feet from where I lay, when I saw what seemed to be a small rowboat, with a man in it, a mile and a half from the shore, being tossed up and down on the high waves."

He said he watched it for two hours, expecting every minute to see it swallowed up and lost. What was his surprise the next day to find, while sitting close to the window, that his sight had deceived him and that what he had taken for a boat in the distance was a black speck of waste or color that had fastened itself on the glass—there it was just over his nose. And as the waves danced up and down they seemed to move the black spot up and down.

How easy it is to be misled by our eyes, ears or memory, and get astray without knowing it for a time—such a very little thing puts us into making a mistake.

John Wanamaker March 22, 1920.

# Town Talk

My neighbor told me that her cousin told her that the Y. W. C. A. Drive for \$1,500,000 begins today, Monday, March 22nd, and will last only nine days—yes, just nine days—think of that. Besides, she said we all can help, and that I can tell you and that you can tell your husband and that he can tell—

# Separate Skirts

The woman who knows the various smart uses of the separate skirt has gone a far way in the solving of her springtime wardrobe problem.

Skirts this spring have possibilities beyond those of the past season. So many costumes can be evolved with the help of the new skirts.

Striped or plaid skirt of velours or serge lends itself so well to either town or country wear. With midlight blue coat and smart tailored skirt it is a costume for a day to town. With golf boots and sweater it becomes a swanky sports costume and one that is absolutely correct.

From \$18.75 to \$26.50

The Skirt Salon has a wide and varied selection of the newest skirts of this type. Fine velours in brown and white and brown and blue rather small checks have bias board pockets and narrow leather belts; \$22.50.

Serge skirts, plaided in midlight blue, green and beige, tan and blue plaid for wear with the dark blue suit coat, also black and white prunella plaids are much favored; all in plaided models; \$22.50.

Striped blue and tan and brighter blue gabardine; \$26.50.

Tweed skirts of tan and light brown mixtures, with original slit pockets at the sides bound with leather to match a narrow leather belt, also plain tailored model; \$22.50.

Simple made and well tailored, are in the new leather color, beige, soft old blue, brown and midnight blue; \$15.

# Gingham dresses

For the morning

Six styles, smartly cut, bright in color, all made of a very fine quality of gingham, neatly stamped, and sure to launder well.

Blue, green, lavender, rose and tan, as well as black, all used with white in blocked checks or plaid effects.

# Armulets and Pendants of Exquisite Jade

In the Oriental Shop

Fine bits of jade for personal wear to give a touch of marvelous color to the costume, and if you are mystically inclined, to bring you good fortune, are an interesting part of the jade collection in the Oriental Shop.

Armulets

Of well mottled feitzu jade, the form of grounds and their leaves and of delicately carved peapods and their tendrils and leaves are from \$75 to \$250. Those at \$250 are a clear green, wonderful in color.

Green jade of feitzu "as green as the feathers of the kingfisher" and as vivid in their green as emeralds are absolutely translucent. Price \$945 each; there are four at this price. Others also of fine color are \$36.75 to \$50.

A marvelous necklace, a clear vivid feitzu jade beautifully matched and graduated, is one of the finest of its kind. The price of this necklace is \$5,775. Other necklaces of feitzu, exquisitely matched, are \$350 and \$400.

Second Gallery, New Bldg.

# Army Week

Each day this week the National and N. Y. Recruiting District prizes in the U. S. Army School Essay Contest will be on exhibition at Wanamaker's.

The subject of the essay was "what are the benefits of enlistment in the U. S. Army?" The prizes to be awarded in New York include one to the school submitting the best essay, one for the best essay submitted from each borough, one for the best essay in the entire Recruiting District.

Moving pictures

In the Auditorium on the First Gallery, New Building, at 2, a moving picture of "Heroic Deeds" will be shown, followed by a short address by Major Samuel T. Stewart, U. S. A., on "The Purpose of the Army,"—the new democratic Peace-time army, not the army you know all about.

First Gallery, New Bldg.

# Concert

In the Auditorium today at 2:30. Edna Beatrice Bloom, soprano. The CHICKERING-AMICO Reproducing Piano. J. Thurston Noe, piano and organ.

# Spring Comforters of Silk and Satin

In unusual shades

A most alluring assortment, it includes all the colors you are always looking for—but, somehow, never seem to find; delicate orchid for your lavender and white room, or deep plum color if your heart is set on serviceability; exquisite shades of pink, ranging all the way from palest pastel to deep glowing rose, wide range of blues, from faintest robin's egg to dark, serviceable midlight blue; greens, both light and dark; with several in-between shades as well.

And—most unusual and hardest to find of any group of colors—every shade of brown, yellow and gold, including sand, café au lait, and old gold, bright gold and tete de negre.

Our own factory

makes the plain colored comforters. We have just received a fresh lot, all finely made, filled with lamb's wool or down, standard sizes in an unparalleled choice of colors.

Flowered centres with plain borders are also in great profusion. Brocades and figured silks add another possibility to your choice.

There are a few particularly handsome comforters finished with Japanese embroidery for the lover of the Oriental touch in the boudoir.

Fourth Gallery, New Bldg.

# Tailored Silk shirts

There are few women who do not appreciate the trim clean-cut smartness of a tailored shirt of tub silk, to be worn with sports clothes or with the tailored suit for well-groomed days in town.

This is the type of blouse that looks so well with a sweater, with its white cuffs and collar giving all kinds of an air to the sports skirt and hat worn with it.

One model in the Blouse Shop in an excellent becoming quality of white crepe de chine made with its front a solid grouping of medium sized tucks, much with the effect of a man's shirt. The adjustable collar is smart, high or low; and the cuffs are made for cuff links. Smart for golf and general wear; \$15.

Of heavy tub silk shirting in white is another blouse, with its narrow, squared-off collar and cuffs edged with pleating, of self material, very narrow and fine. Cuff-link cuffs; \$13.75.

At the same price is another blouse of crepe de chine, with flat collar forming a V in front and rows of tucks crossed by machine hemstitching horizontally.

Pongee Blouses

in natural color are ever so smart. Two at \$6.75 feature long pointed necks. One has a little vestee, the other is plain. At \$8.95 is a pongee shirt with narrow, squared-off collar and fine pleated edging of self material.

Second floor, Old Building.

# Correct Spring Tailleurs, \$59.50

Of fine Tricotine and Men's Wear Serge in the Women's Suit Salons

One is a strictly and correctly tailored suit with notch collar, very narrow belt and bone buttons in midlight blue or black serge with a fine hair-line stripe. This is remarkably effective and has the clean-cut and convincing smartness of a man's suit.

Another model is a bit more feminine, with loose-cuffed sleeves, features fine black silk braid in graduated rows as a trimming. In tricotine as well.

The third model is black silk braid bound serge with notch collar, slit pockets and string girdle. The tailoring is extraordinarily good.

Each suit has a lining of pearl gray peau de cygne.

Important

These models may be had in sizes up to 48½.

Second floor, Old Building.

# Butterfly Hair Bows, 65c

75c grade

Pink, Blue, White. Dainty, soft ribbons. Pretty figured. Three patterns:—Butterfly, Rose, Bird. Well adapted to graceful, perky bows.

Main floor, Old Building.

# Nearing the End of half prices on

Knickerbocker Hardwater Soap \$1 dozen cakes—usual price, \$2

Violet, Verbena, Almond, Unscented

Pure. Lathers well. A soap so very good that the wife of a buyer of soap attached to a big wholesale house buys it for her own use—stocks up for the year in this annual sale at half price.

The sale ends with March. Main floor, Old Building.

# More Dinner Sets

In the March Sale

Two handsome decorations in porcelain from one of the foremost potteries in America.

\$27.50 for the \$35 sets

100 pieces, American porcelain; new panel border design; all pieces gilt; three meat dishes and bread and butter plates included in each lot.

\$25 for the \$32.50 sets

100 pieces, American porcelain; gold band and line decoration.

Nine days more—then the Sale ends

Real American china sets in fine border designs—

\$77.50 sets for \$60.

Gold band sets—

\$100 sets for \$80.

American porcelain sets—

\$40 sets for \$32.50.

\$45 sets for \$35.

English porcelain sets—

\$42.50 sets for \$35.

\$45 sets for \$40.

All complete sets for 12 persons. All first quality.

Second Gallery, New Bldg.

# Tricolettes at \$4.65 yard

Fascinating, compelling, seductive Tricolettes Our \$6.50 to \$12.50 grades, 36 in. wide. Perfect

Everybody-likes tricolettes. They adapt themselves very gracefully to the requirements of every figure. And the range of colors permits of the expression of pretty individuality.

Navy blue, taupe, purple, tan, rose, plum, gray, brown, orange, cherry, Scout red, amethyst, green, gold, raspberry, black and white.

Silk Rotunda, Main floor, Old Building.